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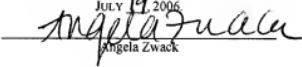
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Title: DIFFERENTIAL ACTUATION OF DUAL STAGE ACTUATOR SUSPENSIONS

Examiner: Julie Anne Watko, J.D.
Group Art Unit: 2652
Confirmation No.: 5303
Customer No.: 25764
Docket No.: 17310 - 293732

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED TO THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ON

JULY 19, 2006


Angela Zwack

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 20, 2006, in which all pending claims 1-32 were subject to restriction and election of species. In particular, the position was taken that the application includes claims directed to two (2) distinct inventions: Group I, apparatus claims 1-22, and Group II, method claims 23-32.

By this response, Application elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-22, without traverse.

The Requirement also required election of species from among the following:

Species	Claims
A	1-6
B	7-16; 18-22
C	17

Applicant elects Species A in this application without traverse.

Claims 1-6 are readable on the elected species.

Examination of the application is requested. No fee is believed to be necessary.
Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account
No. 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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